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2nd Amendment Caucus Created In The U.S. House
*Reps. Musgrave & Goode organize caucus to defend
individuals' Constitutional rights*

Washington, DC: Today, Congressmen Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) and Virgil Goode (VA-05) announced the creation of the Congressional Second Amendment Caucus. Comprised of 38 Members of Congress, this caucus is solely dedicated to the right of lawful individuals to own firearms as granted in the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"As lawmakers in our nation's highest legislative body, we must fight to preserve the Constitutional right for individual citizens to keep and bear arms," said Musgrave. "While many in our nation's capital seek to chip away at the right of firearm ownership and possession, the 2nd Amendment Caucus is committed to defending lawful gun owner's constitutional rights in our nation, without compromise. Their voice will be heard in Congress."

"In fighting for and protecting our Second Amendment rights, it is important to be vigilant," said Virgil Goode. "I hope that this caucus will further that goal."

The caucus was created by Musgrave and Goode to ensure lawful gun owners are tenaciously defended in Congress. Its mission statement states:

The members of the Congressional Second Amendment Caucus know and understand that the Second Amendment to the Constitution is clearly written to protect the fundamental and individual right to keep and bear arms.

Furthermore, we understand that the Second Amendment does not refer to a collective right of federal or state governments. The Second Amendment refers to the individual citizen's right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of defense, recreation, and collection.

We oppose the banning of firearms, their accessories, their manufacture and their importation. Furthermore, we support recognizing the right of lawful citizens to carry a weapon both at home and while traveling the nation.

In upholding these principles we have joined the Congressional Second Amendment Caucus. This caucus' purpose for existence is solely to accomplish the above stated goals and protect the Second Amendment as it is written.

At its inception, the caucus consists of 38 Representatives, including: Roscoe Bartlett, Eric Cantor, Steve Chabot, Jo Ann Davis, Jim DeMint, J.D. Hayworth, Peter Hoekstra, John Hostettler, Ernest Istook, Sam Johnson, Sue Myrick, Mike Pence, Steve Pearce, Joe Pitts, John Shadegg, Tom Tancredo, and Pat Toomey.

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Marilyn Musgrave was elected to the United State House of Representative in January 2003, and she represents Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. Musgrave is a member of the House Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, and Small Business. To learn more about Rep. Musgrave please visit her official website at <http://www.house.gov/musgrave>.